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In re Application of: JEFFREY SCOTT ET AL.

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AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING TO PHONE LINES

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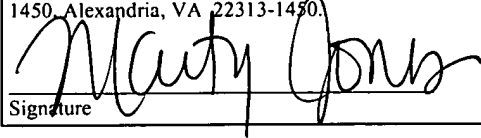
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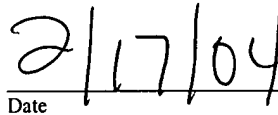
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Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows.

In the specification:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph from lines 7-18 to read as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/227,104 filed on August 23, 2002, entitled "Direct Digital Access Arrangement Circuitry and Method for Connecting to Phone Lines" which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 10/127,285 filed